**El Colegio Abraham Lincoln**

**Antes de leer**

Strategy – Prior knowledge

1. How many classes do you have each day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have the same class schedule each day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What time does your school begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How much time do you have for lunch? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mira la lectura**

Strategy – Scanning

We're going to look at a Web site for [El Colegio Abraham Lincoln](http://www.abrahamlincoln.edu.co/), a bilingual school in Bogota, Colombia. Colegio is a false cognate. It does not mean college or university. In some countries it means school, and in some countries it means private school.

El Colegio Abraham Lincoln has three levels of education. Match the Spanish with its English equivalent.

1. \_\_\_\_ Preschool
2. \_\_\_\_ Elementary
3. \_\_\_\_ Junior High/High School
4. Bachillerato
5. Preescolar
6. Primaria

**Infórmate**

Strategy – Using context to get meaning

1. Click on the "Estudiantes" link beneath "Links Colegio." It will take you to various schedules, organized by grade level. Click on one of the class sections to look at the schedule more closely.
   1. What is the "Curso" (course) and "Periodo" (period) you selected?
   2. What are the class subjects offered?
   3. How are the courses scheduled by week?
   4. Are there any holidays or vacations included in the schedule? If so, which ones?
2. Now go back to the home page and find the "Principios y Valores" (Principles and Values) link. List the school's core institutional values (Valores institucionales) beside their English equivalent.  
   Solidarity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Honesty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Liberty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Justice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Respect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Click on the "Proyectos" (Projects) link on the home page to see current student projects featured. List several of the school subjects or other words you recognize.

**Aplicación**

Your teacher may ask you to do one or more of the following activities:

1. Make a poster in Spanish advertising El Colegio Abraham Lincoln. Include the name of the school, educational levels, and information about classes and extra-curriculars. Include a graphic. It may be a drawing, photograph, or a picture from a magazine.
2. Make a Venn diagram to compare El Colegio Abraham Lincoln with your school. Label one circle El Colegio Abraham Lincoln. Label the other circle with your school's name. Write characteristics of El Colegio Abraham Lincoln in its circle, and write characteristics of your school in its circle. Where the circles overlap, write characteristics that the two schools share.
3. You are a student at El Colegio Abraham Lincoln. Your English teacher has asked you to write a letter in English to a new student who will be coming from the United States. Tell the new student about your school. Tell about the school day, your classes, your extra-curricular activities, and the aspects that will be different from what the student is used to.